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D.J. Biswas et al.

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Application No.: 10/612,848

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For: A PULSER DRIVEN, HELIUM FREE TRANSVERSELY EXCITED
ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE (TEA) CO₂ LASER

Attorney Docket No.: 3875.023

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA

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- a copy of the transmittal letter dated July 3, 2003, a copy of the first page of the application, and the Declaration and Power of Attorney, all showing the correct title thereon, are provided herewith.

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Declaration and Power of Attorney

Applicants' City - should be corrected to read as follows:

MUMBAI - although the Declaration lists the mailing address city as MUMBIA for the first two inventors, this is an obvious typographical error.

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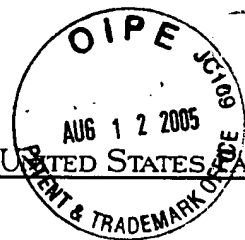
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- while original Declaration is correct, Official Filing Receipt lists inventor's name as JONNAIAGADDA PADNIA NILAYA

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Title

A Pulsar driven, helium free transversely excited atmospheric-pressure (TAE) CO₂ laser

(TEA) CO₂

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TITLE OF INVENTION: PULSER DRIVEN, HELIUM FREE TRANSVERSELY EXCITED ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE (TAE) CO₂ LASER

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TITLE

(TEA)CO₂A Pulsar driven, helium free transversely excited atmospheric-pressure (TAE)CO₂ laser

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Re: Rule 1.53(b) Nonprovisional Patent Application
Application of D. J. BISWAS, J. P. NILAYA, and A. KUMAR
Entitled "A PULSAR DRIVEN, HELIUM FREE TRANSVERSLY EXCITED
ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE (TEA) CO₂ LASER"
Our Ref.: 3875.023

Dear Sir:

This is a request for the filing of a Nonprovisional Application by Applicants D. J. BISWAS, J. P. NILAYA, and A. KUMAR, entitled "A PULSAR DRIVEN, HELIUM FREE TRANSVERSLY EXCITED ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE (TEA) CO₂ LASER."

This application is being filed under 37 CFR §1.53(b). We enclose the specification (13 pages), claims (2 pages), abstract (1 page) and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Total claims	<u>13</u> - <u>20</u> = <u>0</u> x \$18 = \$
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A PULSER-DRIVEN, HELIUM FREE TRANSVERSLY EXCITED ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE (TEA) CO₂ LASER

FIELD OF INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to a pulser driven, helium-free transversely excited atmospheric-pressure (TEA) CO₂ laser. The invention has potential applications in areas such as material processing (e.g. engraving, marking etc), isotope separation, scientific research, laser spectroscopy, medical research, and the like.

BACKGROUND AND PRIOR ART

[0002] Helium plays a major role in the pulsed atmospheric pressure operation of a transversely excited CO₂ laser, commonly termed as TEA CO₂ laser, mainly in stabilising the discharge of the laser. Helium, with its very low electron affinity, facilitates the occurrence of an arc free discharge at atmospheric pressure and hence has been indispensable in the conventional operation of TEA CO₂ lasers. However, helium is an expensive and scarce gas and the use of helium in TEA lasers substantially increases the production as well as operational cost of such lasers. Several attempts have been made and number of special techniques have been employed in the past to obtain helium free operation of CO₂ lasers.

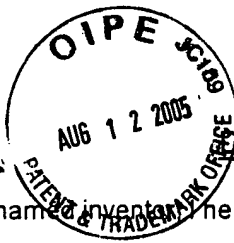
[0003] Such methods and their limitations are briefly described below-

1. **Low pressure CO₂ laser:** There exist many reports on helium free low pressure TE CO₂ lasers or helium free CW operation of low pressure CO₂ lasers. In these systems the low operating pressure intrinsically ensures glow mode operation of the discharge in absence of helium.

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A PULSER DRIVEN, HELIUM-FREE TRANSVERSELY EXCITED ATMOSPHERIC-PRESSURE (TEA) CO₂ LASER

This declaration is directed to:

the attached application
(for original application)

Application No. _____
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(for declaration not accompanying application)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit of Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in a listed prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge my duty to disclose any material information under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint Stephan A. Pendorf, Reg. No. 32,665; Christopher Kay, Reg. No. 44,820; Yaté K. Cutliff, Reg. No. 40,577; Evelyn A. Defillo, Reg. No. 45,630; Carrie L. Bootcheck, Reg. No. 50,712 and Michael J. Bootcheck, Reg. No. 52,636, my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and request that all correspondence about the application be addressed to Stephan A. Pendorf at Pendorf & Cutliff, 5111 Memorial Highway, Tampa, FL 33634-7356.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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